

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/623,026

Examiner

Tuan V. Thai

Applicant(s)

LEE ET AL.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to May 09, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18 and 20-28 renumbered as 1-5, 7, 6 and 8-27 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
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In re application of: Lee et al.

Group: 2186

Serial No.: 10/623,026

Examiner: Tuan Thai

**For: EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF SHARED BUFFER MEMORY AND
METHOD FOR OPERATING THE SAME.**

1. This action is responsive to communication filed on 5/9/2006. Claim 19 has been canceled. Claims 1-18 and 20-28 are now allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior arts of record do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, **all** the limitations and the combination of elements and their functions of the amended claims of the current invention (claims 1, 12 and 20). The prior arts of record do not particularly disclose a memory/switch or a method for managing a memory comprising simultaneously receiving a number of inputs wherein each input representing a data stream

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to be stored in the memory/switch, distributing the data stream associated with each number of inputs across a number of memory banks in according with a set of single bit control signals, and a portion of data stream is stored in each of the number of memory banks as required to completely store the data stream, the prior art of record do not particularly disclose generating the set of single bit control signals such that a different one of the set of single bit control signals has a unique state for indicating which data stream is to have a portion of itself stored in particular memory bank in a given clock cycle; similarly for the apparatus claims 1 and 12. In light of the foregoing, claims 1, 12 and 20 of the present application are found to be patentable over the prior arts.

Claims 2-11, 13-18 and 21-28 further limit the allowable independent claims 1, 12 and 20. These claims are therefore allowable for the same reason as set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan V.

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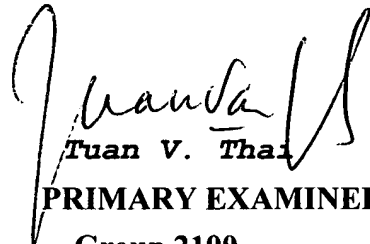
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Thai whose telephone number is (571)-272-4182. The examiner can normally be reached on from 6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mathew M. Kim can be reached on (571)-272-4187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-9300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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